

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 43 and 46 are canceled so as to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, presented in the final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003.

This amendment clearly raises no new issues since it merely cancels claims. Furthermore, this amendment simply is effective to reduce the issues for appeal by deleting the only two claims that had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

As such, it is respectfully requested that this amendment-after-final be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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